

MEETING NOTICE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND LONG-TERM FINANCING
DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

Thursday, September 23, 1993

4 p.m.

Conference Room, The McCarty Company
1755 West Hammer Lane, Suite 12
Stockton

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR: Pat McCarty

MEMBERS: Bob Calone
William Salmon
Steve Sekelsky
Tom Torlakson

Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Staff Report on Status of Long-Term Funding Options
3. Discussion of Formation of Non-Profit to Assist in Fundraising
4. Public Comments
5. Set Next Meeting
6. Adjournment

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August 16, 1993

TO: Delta Protection Commissioners
FROM: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Recommendations of Subcommittee on Budget and Long-Term Financing

Recommendation: The Subcommittee recommends the full Commission adopt:

- (1) The following list of materials, equipment, and services valued at approximately at \$50,000 from the San Joaquin County District Attorney's office as part of the settlement of a recent lawsuit;
- (2) The proposed budget for the remainder of fiscal 93-94; and
- (3) The proposed guidelines for a long-term funding strategy.

Lawsuit Settlement

The San Joaquin County District Attorney's office will purchase or lease equipment, materials, and services for the Commission to assist in set-up of the office and in preparation of the Delta Plan. Staff should be directed to request the following:

Postage	10,000
Rent (2 years)	9,600
Copier and Maintenance	7,500
Printing Services	7,000
2 Computers and Printers	6,000
Lease Postage Meter (2 years)	4,500
FAX Machine	1,000
Planimeter (measures maps)	1,000
Security System (2 years)	1,000
Telephone and Answering Machine	300
Computer tables	200
Cameras	400
Typewriter	200
Office Chairs	600
Fireproof File Cabinet	600

NOTE: As final prices are determined, there may be changes. Residual funds will be used to purchase office supplies.

Proposed Budget:

A key element of the 93-94 fiscal year budget is associated with environmental review of the Plan. The legislation exempts local government preparation of General Plan amendments from CEQA, but does not exempt the Commission's adoption of the Plan. The Subcommittee evaluated three alternative approaches: (1) seeking a legislative exemption from CEQA for the Commission's actions; (2) approaching the Secretary of Resources to consider designating the planning program "functionally equivalent"; or (3) seeking funding for preparation of an environmental document. The Subcommittee recommended Alternative 2, and that recommendation is reflected in the lack of any monies in the proposed budget for environmental review. If it is determined that an environmental document must be prepared, further monies must be budgeted.

The Subcommittee recommends adoption of the following general budget for the remainder of the 93-94 fiscal year:

Salaries and Benefits (Executive Director/Secretary)	\$117,500
Planning Reserve (Consultants/Student Assistants)	\$65,000
Office Expenses and Utilities	\$6,000
Telephone	\$4,000
Supplies and Miscellaneous	\$5,000
Public Notices and Mailings	\$3,500

TOTAL	\$201,000
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Proposed Long-Term Funding Plan

Approach

The Subcommittee reviewed a wide range of funding mechanisms ranging from taxes and fees, to voluntary-type revenue generators. The Subcommittee recommends that the Commission pursue **VOLUNTARY** funding mechanisms at this time, keeping in reserve the possibility of further consideration of taxes and fees.

In addition, the Subcommittee recommends that the Commission declare its intention to pay back in full the \$250,000 loan from the environmental license plate fund.

Means

The Subcommittee recommends that the Commission pursue legislation authorizing a special **Delta license plate**, under the State's environmental license plate program, to serve as the basis of a long-term funding strategy. The Subcommittee also recommends marketing of the design of the license plate.

Staff should pursue **grants** from appropriate foundations or groups.

The Commission should seek **reimbursement** for the cost of reproducing and mailing minutes, background reports and the Plan; Meeting Notices should continue to be distributed at no cost.